

## One traffic stop, two arrests

On Friday, March 21, deputies with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle located on Atwood Street, in the City of Hickman. While interviewing the individuals a strong smell of raw marijuana was coming from inside the vehicle. One of the FCSO K-9 units was brought to the scene and a perimeter search of the vehicle was conducted. The K-9 alerted to the rear passenger area of the vehicle. A large baggie was found



Allen



Nettles

See ARRESTS, page 5

## America's Got Talent comes to Hickman, Fulton County Style

The Class of 2015 will sponsor the Fulton County's GOT TALENT show Saturday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Fulton County High School gym. We are looking throughout our county for the most talented dancers, magicians, singers, musicians, stand up comedians, jugglers and anyone that has any special ability of any age young and old and in between that can be performed on our stage. We encourage solos as well as groups to enter. Entry fee will be \$10 per act and deadline will be April 14.

Please contact Susan Patrick 270-627-2172 or Cheryl Williams 270-627-2155

See TALENT, page 5



Terry Narr

## Narr is latest Paul Harris recipient

On Thursday, March 20, Terry Narr, a recent past president of the Hickman Rotary Club, became the twelfth member of the club to be recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Narr works with SGL in Hickman and has been active in the Hickman club since July 2008, working with his fellow Rotarians in domestic and international programs that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding.

A special honor in its own right, Narr's recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow held an even deeper meaning of recognition as fellow Rotarian Floyd Cash, also a Harris Fellow, chose to honor Narr with this distinguished

See NARR, page 8



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**TOTALLY ENGULFED** - This tractor, located on the home site of Joey and Carol Parker, was totally engulfed and a complete loss last Thursday, March 20. The Hickman Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) was called to the scene at approximately 1:43 p.m. According to HVFD Chief Tommy Ramsey, Joey Parker was cutting up scrap metal when the blaze started. Parker had water with him, as a precautionary measure, but ran out of water, going back to the house to get more when the fire started. Also burned during the incident was approximately five to six acres of land. Responding to the fire were six volunteers from the HVFD, two from Cayce Volunteer Fire Department and six from the Fulton Fire Department. They were on the scene for approximately three hours, successfully keeping the blaze from claiming a nearby propane tank and the Parker family home.



Photo by Barbara Atwill

**EARLY MORNING BLAZE** - The Fulton County Dispatch Center was called at 3:14 a.m. by Barbara Atwill notifying them of this early morning fire on Church Street in Cayce. The unoccupied residence, owned by Wayne McClure of Cayce, is a total loss. Ten firefighters from both Cayce and Hickman's Volunteer Fire Departments were on the scene for approximately two hours.

## Atwill announces candidacy for County Judge/Executive

On May 20, the registered voters of Fulton County will have the opportunity to choose a candidate to serve as their County Judge/Executive. After much consideration, I have made the decision to run for this office. My name is J.L. Atwill and I would appreciate your support when casting your vote for this office.

Being raised and living a lifetime in Fulton County does not qualify me for this job. It only enhances my desire to make it a better place for its current and future citizens to live and work. This includes future generations to come.

Previous employment and experience will enable me to serve wisely as your County Judge/Executive. This includes self-employment as a farmer in our county. While this was a non-public job, I learned skills that will contribute to those needed as Judge/Executive. Some of these are appropriate budgeting, time management, and self-



J.L. Atwill

motivation.

Other jobs that will enable me to

See ATWILL, page 5

## School could face fines as investigation deepens

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

Alexander Thompson and Arnold (ATA), CPA firm from Murray, Ky., was scheduled to present the Forensic Audit to the Fulton County School Board on Thursday, March 20, following the indictment of former Finance Officer Julie Vowell.

Kentucky State Police (KSP), handling the investigation since last October, asked ATA to postpone the presentation of the audit to the school board because the investigation continues. "KSP has talked with ATA, stating it was an ongoing investigation and asked them not to present their findings until the investigation closes," stated Fulton County Schools Superintendent Aaron Collins last Thursday.

"The mismanagement of funds is just one part of the scenario," added Supt. Collins. "The other part is dealing with some past paperwork."

Collins informed the board that classified staff has been notified that 2008 and 2011 W-2s were not submitted to Social Security.

"When we went through some old paperwork, we found a letter sent in 2010 that 2008 W-2's had not been sent to Social Security and that there could be fines," continued Supt. Collins. "We have a plan, and we are clearing up 2012 and processing the 2011 numbers, handling them electronically."

"The 2008 W-2s have to be retyped and submitted," Supt. Collins said. "We

have to run the numbers and make sure they are correct and then retype them."

There will be late penalties associated with the mishandling of this very significant paperwork. The letter received in 2010 stated that fines could be up to \$300,000, Supt. Collins told the board.

"Our lawyer is aware of it (the mishandling of earnings paperwork)," Supt. Collins said. "The school board didn't report the W-2s to Social Security, but the school did pay (monies owed to Social Security)."

Gail Binder (consultant from KDE), who has been assisting the board office as they comb through paperwork for the last four years, continues to work with the district's administrative staff.

Penalties are being assessed because the district didn't file the W-2s with Social Security. "Another impact is Social Security benefits have not been credited for those two years," stated Binder. "This is important for those classified staff who are close to retirement."

"We have been deep in thought with finances," Supt. Collins said. "We want to meet all expectations."

Supt. Collins also mentioned the importance for the board to exam their future decision when deciding whether or not to take the 4% compensating tax increase. "That amounts to about \$25,000," said Supt. Collins, "which doesn't even cover an employee's salary and benefits."

## Spring break remains intact

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

Missing a total of 16 days because of inclement weather, the Fulton County School District has made up several of those days. On Thursday, March 20, the school board discussed in great detail options explained to them by Superintendent Aaron Collins.

The result included leaving spring break as is (March 31 to April 4) and still looking at the last day of school being Friday, May 23. "As you know the Commissioner states that you can, at any time, appeal to him for a decision," stated Supt. Collins. "With the calendar as is (after amending and approval from the board) we have 165 student days at 1,086 hours." This translates to 24 hours over what the state mandates.

The board has submitted a request to Commissioner Terry Holliday noting that the district will be over the number of instructional hours stated by the board with the calendar currently amended as is, having school end on Friday, May 23.

The worst case scenario would be if the Commissioner doesn't say yes. The

original calendar did include June 6 as the last day of school when factoring in missed days for inclement weather, without inclement weather the last day for students was originally scheduled for Friday, May 16.

"Bottom line is to see what works best for Fulton County," stated Supt. Collins. "We meet the quota for hours."

Supt. Collins further stated that he would call the Commissioner's office to find out if their request was being granted. (If the Commissioner's office had received the request and a timeline for an answer.)

School board members Chairman Rob Garrigan, Barry Patrick, Perry Turner and Dale Vowell, were still a bit hesitant with making a final decision. However, Patrick did move making the motion to accept Supt. Collins recommendation and with Garrigan's second, the motion passed.

The last day of school will be Friday, May 23. Graduation day has yet to be determined, with plans to hold a special called meeting to set the date.



Photo by Christina Corrigan

**SPRING TIME TEMPERATURE UP-SWING** - On Friday, March 21, at the Fulton County Elementary/Middle School students are enjoying a spring-time up-swing in the temperature outside on the swings. Destiny Burnes, pushing Guadalupe Barrientos (left) and Ella Cagle (right), all second graders, enjoyed the 68.8 degrees temperature on the second day of spring.

## INSIDE THIS WEEK

Elvis Ferguson/Army ..... Page 2  
Kilpatrick/Downs nuptials ... Page 3  
New Bryant Friends Day ... Page 4  
Obits/Police/Sheriffs ..... Page 5

Baseball/Softball Action ..... Page 6  
Track Team Photos.....Page 7  
Community News..... Page 8



SOFTBALL BEGINS - See Page 6

## RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, March 26 - 24.0  
Thursday, March 27 - 23.6  
Friday, March 28 - 22.9  
Saturday, March 29 - 22.2  
Sunday, March 30 - 21.5



**LITTLE OBIE** - Train safety was the order of the day when Little Obie came to Fulton County Elementary/School. Look to page 8 to see how much fun the preschoolers had while riding the train.



8 04879 30651 1



No Burning in Fulton County from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

www.hickmancourier.com



Your Local Weather

Thu 3/27	Fri 3/28	Sat 3/29	Sun 3/30	Mon 3/31
<b>60/53</b>	<b>65/42</b>	<b>62/36</b>	<b>68/45</b>	<b>74/47</b>
Windy with showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Showers possible. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.

©2009 American Profile Hometown Content Service

THE HICKMAN COURIER

THE VOICE OF HICKMAN AND FULTON COUNTY

Charlotte Smith - Editor

Barbara Atwill - Business manager

Established in 1859. The oldest newspaper in West Kentucky.

Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago  
July 6, 1989

Pictured: Mrs. Esther Davie is with a huge American flag she received recently. The flag was flown over the United States Capitol on April 19 at the request of the Honorable Wendell Ford, United States Senator. The flag was flown in memory of Mrs. Davie’s husband, John Turney Davie, who died April 18, 1988.

Cindy Everett attended the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Conference of the Kentucky Association of FHA recently.

Pictured: Four Fulton County FFA members and their advisor were greeted in Washington D.C. recently by Dana Soukup of Lincoln, Nebraska, Treasurer of the National FFA Organization. Local persons attending the week-long National FFA Washington Conference program included David Black, advisor, Jay Graham, Robert Davis, Roger Dunn, Audrea Simpson and Soukup.

The Hickman police investigated one wreck during the past week. Officer Matthew Jackson investigated a two-car accident at the Christian School parking lot Sunday night. According to the report Steve A. Mills was driving a 1978 Chevrolet and as he was backing up on the lot he struck a parked car, which he said he did not see. The parked 1988 Chevrolet belonged to Scott D. Baker. Chad Mills was a passenger in the Mills’ vehicle. No damage was reported to the Mills car and minor damage was reported to the left front bumper of the Baker vehicle.

50 Years Ago  
October 1, 1964

Frank Parker, Jr. has entered Auburn University in Alabama, studying vet science. His wife, the former Jane Kemp, is teaching.

Tobie Kay Rambo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Rambo, is a member of the newly enrolled 91 member freshman class of the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis.

Circuit Judge Wood Tipton last week overruled a motion that he disqualify himself from sitting in the Gardner case.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne

Morrow of RFD Three are the proud parents of a baby boy born on Sept. 23 at Obion County Hospital.

75 Years Ago  
October 6, 1939

Dr. J.G. Samuels, local physician and surgeon, is attending a post graduate course in pediatrics or children’s diseases, at Union City every Wednesday evening.

Joe Werner, Courier correspondent from Fair View, brought to The Courier Office this week the naturalization certificate of his grandfather, Jacob Stahr, which was signed and sworn to in Wayne County, Indiana, on March 18, 1856. Mr. Stahr, who was 30 years of age at the time, specified in the paper that he denounced all allegiance to Germany and particularly the Duke of Wurtemberg and signified his desire to become a citizen of the United States of America. Mr. Stahr had arrived in America in 1850 via Liverpool, England.

In the case of Everett Jolley vs. Rev. E.R. Ladd and others, the verdict was returned last week in Fulton, Ky., in favor of the defendant. This suit was the outgrowth of an accident on Dec. 23, 1938 in which Mrs. Jolley was killed while in the Ladd car.

125 Years Ago  
October 13, 1889

Mr. George W. Conner of the “bottom country” brought to town Wednesday a pumpkin considerably larger than a flour barrel, and weighing 101 pounds.

Mr. Mack Bushart was thrown from his horse Tuesday and severely, though not seriously, hurt.

Mr. D.P. Beadles of Moscow sends The Courier some second crop June apples. Something very rare in this latitude.

Capt. Smith S. Leach, United States Army engineer of the government wharf at Hickman, gives warning that the plant for the government work at Hickman has been placed in position, and extends from the rock point 300 feet into the river. The plant is old and very weak and for that reason steamers are requested to keep as far away from it as possible and to run slow.

Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Monday, March 17 through Thursday, March 20, 2014:

Richard Boone and wife Virginia Boone of Dyer, Tenn. to Gary Jack of Jackson, Tenn., property in Fulton County, Ky., paid \$10.00, March 17.

Jim L. Dickerson of Paris, Tenn. to Joe E. Dickerson and

wife Tina Dickerson of Water Valley, Ky., property in Fulton County, value \$15,000, March 13.

Fannie Mae AKA Federal National Mortgage Association of Dallas, Texas to Zachary Dennis and Paige Dennis, husband and wife, of South Fulton, Tenn., property in Fulton County, value \$12,600, March 20.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I appreciate everyone in Fulton County who became a KET member by making a contribution during **TeleFund 2014!**

I say this on behalf of Kentuckians of all ages who will benefit from your gift, which helps KET continue to broadcast its entertaining and educational program lineup, and to continue its many

community outreach programs.

If you haven’t yet given your support, you can call **1-800-866-0366** or pledge online at **ket.org/support**. Your support of KET will help you, your family, and your fellow citizens be more informed, inspired, and empowered.

Sincerely,

Carol Major

Member of the Friends of KET

‘Fergy’ maybe the last man standing

By TOM BERRY  
Special from

The Mayfield Messenger

During the years that Elvis “Fergy” Ferguson spent as a U.S. Army Air Corps 1054th Military Police Company during World War II there were many memorable moments he’ll never forget.

Ferguson, who grew up in Hickman and now lives in Fulton, turned 93 years young Feb. 19. He’s forgotten a lot, but he says he’ll never forget the day when a photo of the hanging of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini arrived at the 12th Air Force Military Police office where he was stationed.

The photo would be of some historical significance now and was quite important then.

Ferguson remembers picking up the photo and sticking it in his pocket; later bringing it home with him.

However he’s a little frustrated that the photo hasn’t been found.

“I don’t know where it is,” he says. “I’ve lost it.”

However that’s not the most shocking thing he remembers of his days fighting the Nazis and Italian fascists in Northern Africa and Italy.

The most shocking would be a message that was sent to a U.S. Navy ship he was riding from Norfolk, Va. to Cairo, Egypt while on his way to his first duty station. The note informed the captain that the ship had been sunk by a German submarine the previous day. The news brought great consternation to the crew at the time as they continued to sail toward Cairo.

Ferguson was on guard at a teletype machine aboard the ship.

“We didn’t laugh about it too much. It’s funny now, but it wasn’t funny then,” Ferguson says. “It said we’d been sunk. We didn’t know what to think. I was on that ship for so long I thought they had put me in the Navy.”

Among other memories, Ferguson also remembers doing some other exciting deeds while in Cairo.

“I got to ride a camel and climbed about half-way up, well, that biggest pyramid there in Egypt,” he said.

Growing up around Hickman, Ky., Ferguson joined the U.S. Army Air Corps Ninth Air Force in 1942 and spent a little over three years as a military police officer for the Ninth and then the Twelfth Air Force.

“I didn’t ask for it. That’s where they put me,” he said. “They called me ‘Fergy.’”

The Ninth Air Force, Ferguson’s first duty station, was originally constituted as V Air Support Command on August 21, 1941 and activated on September 1, 1941. The Ninth, and Ferguson along with it, participated in fighting the Axis powers in Egypt and Libya, the campaign in Tunisia and the invasions of Sicily and Italy. The unit transferred to England in October 1943 and participated in the Normandy invasion and European campaigns until Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

Ferguson, who is now an ordained deacon at Fulton’s First Baptist Church, was later transferred to the 12th Air Force where he completed his enlistment.

Not amazingly, at age 93, Ferguson may be the “last man standing” of the 100-man 1054th Military Police unit. Four years ago, he met with another member of the unit, Frank William Hunnicutt, that like him was only 21-years-old at the time, and both believed

they were the last members of the unit still alive.

Hunnicutt, of Asheville, NC, has since died, possibly leaving only Ferguson as the last man in the unit still living.

Ferguson remembers that he and his friend were the youngest.

“We had some men in there that were 50 years old,” he said. “I think we were the last two.”

He didn’t volunteer for the unit, but Ferguson said his physical prowess may be why the military gave him a job as an MP.

He said he was tough, but fair, and always did everything he could to help a fellow soldier.

But if you didn’t comply with the law - look out.

“If two men was coming after me I just needed about two seconds and they was on the floor behind me,” Ferguson said. “If a third one was coming after me, as long as he didn’t have a gun, if he got close enough I might take it away from him and beat

him on the head with it. I was very quick and fast. I didn’t care how big he was now. I’d lay him down in a second.”

He was also a marksman.

“Nobody could out-shoot me. I was pretty good,” he said. “My daddy taught me how to shoot a rifle.”

While in Cairo and Fogga, Italy, his duties included guarding the streets and policing military personnel with 100 men, four Jeeps and four motorcycles. The group left Cairo when German Field Marshal Rommel was pushed out of North Africa.

“We were in Fogga (Italy) about a year,” Ferguson said. “We pushed the Germans into north Italy and then they moved us to Florence, Italy. We were there until the war ended.”

Ferguson was discharged around Nov. 1, 1945.

“We got on a ship at Naples and went to Boston,” he said. “I came back home to Hickman.”



KENTUCKY SOLDIERS - Elvis Ferguson, right, was joined by his cousin, Boyce Heathcott, left, and another soldier whose name he could not remember in this photo taken in Italy. The three men were all from the West Kentucky area.



U.S. ARMY MP - Elvis Ferguson on his MP motorcycle in Italy.

GET YOUR PIECE OF THE  
**BILLION BACK**  
**TENNESSEE**

Last year American taxpayers left behind more than a **BILLION DOLLARS** thinking they could do their own taxes. That's \$500 on every seat, in every professional football stadium in America. Don't be a part of that billion dollar problem. H&R Block tax professionals will ensure you receive every credit and deduction you deserve.

**IT'S YOUR MONEY. GET IT BACK WITH BLOCK.**

**CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY.**

**509 Broadway Suite 102, South Fulton, TN 38257**  
**1101 S First St, Union City, TN 38261**

**731-479-2779**  
**731-885-6961**

**HRBLOCK.COM**

Each tax situation is different and not everyone will receive a refund. In a 2013 study of tax returns by people who did their own taxes, H&R Block tax professionals found that about 1 in 5 taxpayers was entitled to a larger refund or owed less money. OBTP# B13696 ©2013 HRB Tax Group, Inc.

Dave  
Says...

by Dave Ramsey



Dear Dave,

I'm considering a career change and becoming a financial advisor. It would mean a 45 percent cut in salary for three to four years, and I'd have to take on debt in order to survive the cut. Is this a smart move?

Travis

Dear Travis,

No, it's not. You didn't give me a lot of details about what kind of "financial advisor" you're thinking about becoming, but there are all kinds of people who put themselves in the category of financial advisor. A little voice in my head tells me you're actually talking about life insurance sales. If that's the case, then there are some things you need to understand. One, you wouldn't be a financial advisor; you'd be an insurance salesman. And two, there's about an 80 percent fallout in that world. Eighty percent of the people who start as insurance salesmen don't make it in that line of work.

Now, you could be making \$200,000 right now. And if that were the case, you'd still be making good money while this new career takes root. Still, I'm not going to send you into debt for a career change. There's got to be a way around that, whether it's delivering pizzas at night or beginning your career change on a part-time basis before making the jump.

Travis, I want you to live your dream. I also have no qualms about you going into the financial world if it's what you really want to do with your life. But I'm not going to tell you it's okay to go tens of thousands—maybe even hundreds of thousands—of dollars into debt to make it happen. Going deeply into debt to become a financial advisor sounds pretty oxymoronic to me. Doesn't it to you?

Don't do something really dumb with money in the name of advising other people on their finances. That just seems wrong. —Dave

*\*Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored four New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover and EntreLeadership. His newest book, written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, is titled Smart Money Smart Kids. It will be released April 22. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 6 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

**Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club**

Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Monday, March 24 were as follows: Flight A — Bill Petrie and Jane Baker, first place; Dianna Nerren and Jo Grissom, and Betty Amberg and Freddy Oliver, tied for second/ third place. Flight B — Dianna Nerren and Jo Grissom, first place; and Bertha Henry and Steve Van Cise, second place.

Reader Information

The Hickman Courier is published each Thursday in Hickman, Ky., by Magic Valley Publishing and delivered as a periodical. All mail should be addressed to Post Office Box 70, Hickman, KY 42050.

Yearly subscriptions rates are: in Obion and Weakley counties in Tenn. - \$25.00; in Fulton, Hickman and Graves counties in Kentucky - \$25.00; Elsewhere in Kentucky - \$44.00; and all other locations \$44.00.

Tax is included on Kentucky subscriptions.

NO REFUNDS

ADVERTISING ERRORS

Liability for advertising errors is limited to reprinting that portion of the advertisement that is in error. All advertisements are assumed to be checked on first insertion. This newspaper assumes no liability for errors after the first insertion.

The newspaper is on sale each Wednesday at these locations:

**Hickman** - E.W. James & Sons, Little General #53, Medcare Pharmacy, MeMaw's, Pat's Red Door Salon, River City Liquors, Roger's Tire & Lube, Senior Citizens Center, Miss Martha's, and inside Dollar General  
**Cayce** - Cayce Cafe, Cayce Junction, and Cayce Oil & Lube  
**Fulton** - Evans Drug, Pockets, Hunter's One Stop, Pic' Pac, The Fulton Leader, and inside Walmart  
**Union City** - Skaggs Gro.  
**Jordan** - Jordan Store  
270-236-3412 Phone  
270-236-2726 Phone and fax  
E-mail us at hickmancourier@bellsouth.net  
USPS: 243-200

POSTMASTER:

Send address changes to:  
The Hickman Courier  
P.O. Box 70  
Hickman, KY 42050-0070

**Marriage Licenses**

The following Marriage Licenses were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy:

Hope Marie Hollingsworth of South Fulton, Tenn. and Cecil Dwayne Bailey of South Fulton, March 14.





The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

**March 31** – Steve Mitchum, Peggy Bass, Nicholas Pavletic, Kathy Todd, Judy Shields, Steve Wilson, Carice McClerkin, David O’Connor, Erik McClure, Austin Franklin, and Kelly Busby.

**April 1** – Michael Ludiker, Doug Roberts, Bubba Bobbitt, Mark Sims, and Velma Henderson.

**April 2** – Ryan Henderson, Mrs. Willard Ferguson, and Houston Graves.

**April 3** – Rickie Duncan, Ginger Shannon, Honey Beth Sauerwin, and Ryan Canaday.

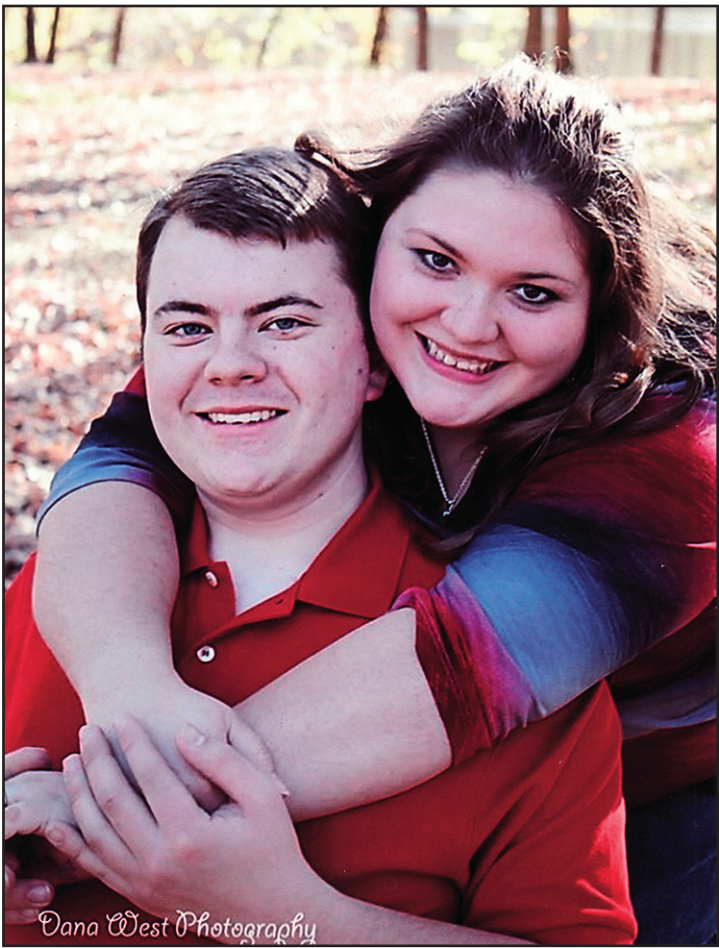
**April 4** – Tina Elliott, Jessica Henderson, Thelma Henderson, James (Huck) Jackson, Jeffrey Johnson, and Isa Mansfield.

**April 5** – Lynn Major, Judy Markle, Michelle Rumpf, Jackie Shields, Chris Kimmons, Sami Hartman, and Madeline Baird Howell.

**April 6** – Zachary Hughes, and Anthony Curtis.



Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, March 18 were as follows: Dianna Nerren and Lois Harbour, first place; Margie Evans and Carol Howell, Bonnie Poyner and Serena Williams, and Betty Amberg and Jo Grissom, 3-way time for second place.



Dylan Mitchell Downs and Juanita Sue Kilpatrick

## Miss Kilpatrick to wed Downs on April 26 in Cadiz

Jeff and April Kilpatrick and the late Malissa Kilpatrick, al of Hickman, Ky., proudly announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Juanita Sue Kilpatrick to Dylan Mitchell Downs, the son of Barry and Nikkie Downs of Cadiz, Ky.

Juanita is the granddaughter of Ecford and Sue Kilpatrick of the Sassafras Ridge Community and Ann Baker of Tiptonville, Tenn. and step-granddaughter of Lisa Morgan of Hickman.

Dylan is the grandson of Delmar and Cindy Rich and the late Dorothy Rich, Gordon and Nancy Downs of Cadiz and the late Sue Downs.

The bride and groom will exchange vows in front of family and friends Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Cadiz.

All family and friends are invited to attend. Only out of town invitations will be sent.



**STATE GOVERNOR’S CUP COMPETITOR** - Fulton County eighth grader Lindy Sipes was in Louisville last week competing in the Governor’s Cup at the state level. Sipes, the daughter of Kelly and Jason Sipes, competed with 123 other middle schoolers taking the ELA test. Sipes was happy to represent Fulton County as the only student from the First District to compete at this level. Sipes appreciates the experience and has plans to go back in high school representing Fulton County.



Photo by Barbara Atwill

**HOSA STATE QUALIFIERS** - Qualifying for HOSA Nationals this summer in Orlando, Fla., include (l to r) Will Moore, Samantha Bing, Drew Worley of Love, and Samantha Ward.



## Alzheimer’s and its effect on the senior population

Alzheimer’s disease is an illness of the brain; it destroys brain cells and causes memory loss and behavioral problems. The severity of the disease progresses over time and it advances through seven medically documented stages. Understanding the stages can provide enough evidence about what to expect, to prepare the caregiver and patient that has this disease.

**Stage 1** – The patient is unimpaired, functions normally and has no signs of memory loss at this point or stage of the disease.

**Stage 2** – While still early on in the disease patients may start being forgetful or misplace everyday objects like keys or wallet. This is not noticeable and can be dismissed as part of the aging process.

**Stage 3** – In this stage people closest to the patient may begin to notice changes such as the patient being even more forgetful. He or she is losing or misplacing valuable things such as jewelry or money or forgetting names of family and friends. There are concentration tests that can be performed by your doctor to diagnose Alzheimer’s.

**Stage 4** – At this stage your primary care provider is better able to detect clean-cut signs and symptoms such as: forgetfulness of recent events; an unimpaired ability to do more challenging things such as mental authentic like counting backwards from 100 by 6’s; and Greater problems completing tasks like paying bills.

**Stage 5** – In this stage there are more noticeable gaps in thinking and memory. The patient begins to need help with activities of daily living. They may be unable to recall their own address, phone number, relatives or even the name of the high school they attended.

**Stage 6** – Memory loss gets worse – personality changes may begin and patients would need more help with activities of daily living. In this stage – the patient may lose his or her awareness of recent experiences as well as

their own surroundings. They may recall their name but not recall personal history; have trouble with remembering the names of spouses or caregivers or need help with personal hygiene and dressing.

**Stage 7** – In this final stage of the disease, patients lose the ability to respond to their environment, to carry on a conversation and, eventually to continue movement. Patients will need help with much if not all of their daily personal care, including eating and using the toilet. Reflexes become abnormal muscles, grow rigid and swallowing also becomes impaired.

Weekly activities at the Senior Center include Monday, March 31: 11:30, Bingo; Tuesday, April 1: 10:30, Steve Vergo, Medication, Parkway Regional Home Care; Wednesday, April 2: 11:30, Bingo; Thursday, April 3: 10:30, Laura Snyder; Friday, April 4: 10:30, Pulse/Oxygen, 11:30, Bingo.

Bingo is played Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week (25 cents a card) immediately following lunch, at approximately 11:30. Bingo winners for Monday, March 17: Mary Lou Curlin, Corrine Shaw, Kelly Conder, and Lana

Edwards, winning overall; Wednesday, March 19: Roberta Duncan, Richard Gouger, James Griffith, and Robert White winning overall; Friday March 21: Kelly Conder, Roberta Duncan, Mary Helen McCauley, and Helen Drewry winning overall.

The following items will be served at the Senior Center next week:

### Monday, March 31

Baked pork chop, new potatoes with cream sauce, buttered green peas, whole-wheat roll, orange sherbet and skim milk.

### Tuesday, April 1

Baked chicken, oriental vegetables, rice, whole-wheat roll, peach slices, margarine, and skim milk.

### Wednesday, April 2

Hamburger steak with gravy, baked potato with margarine and sour cream, green beans, whole-wheat bread, pineapple slices, and skim milk.

### Thursday, April 3

Turkey pot pie, whole-wheat bread, spinach salad, mandarin oranges, ginger snap cookies, and skim milk.

### Friday, April 4

Pinto beans, American fried potatoes, cooked cabbage, corn bread, margarine, Jello with fruit, and skim milk.

## “Best Pilot” for March is Atwill

Liz Atwill, a 33-year employee of the Fulton County School District, is the first person people come in contact with when they enter Fulton County High School. She is the high school secretary/bookkeeper, known for having the ability to answer any question that comes up and being there for students and teachers during their times of need.

On Thursday, March 20, Atwill was recognized for these caring traits when she was chosen as March’s “Best Pilot On Board.” Fulton County School Board Chairman Rob Garrigan presented Atwill with a framed certificate, a plant for her office and a framed copy of quotes from those who nominated her for this award.

Other quotes submitted about Atwill include “Ms. Liz is meticulous about the paperwork that has to be turned in,” and “Ms. Liz does the job of probably three staff members and is pleasant about it.”

Yes, Ms. Liz is known for her caring heart for not only the teachers, but also the students. She does know when she needs to “parent” them when the opportunity presents itself. The following quote demonstrates Atwill’s ability to get the job done



**“BEST PILOT ON BOARD” RECIPIENT** - Liz Atwill (left) receives a certificate from Fulton County School Board Chairman Rob Garrigan (right) during the March school board meeting.

noting, “Ms. Liz “parents” the students in a way that let’s them know she means business.”

Being in the district for over three decades has its perks, for not only Ms. Liz, but also everyone she comes in contact with on a regular basis. Atwill knows not only the teachers and students, but also the families of the students. This is a great asset to a small school district.

As the third recipient of the

“Best Pilot On Board” award, Atwill received a certificate for lunch from a local restaurant and will be a guest at an upcoming Hickman Rotary Club luncheon meeting. She is also a candidate for the “Best Pilot on Board of the Year” Award, which will be selected by the Recognition Committee at the end of the school year. The winner will receive a certificate for dinner for two.

## Columnist Lewis “Pays it Forward”

Today (March 23), I stopped at a local gas station for some soda, my weekly Lotto ticket, and other essentials. I paid with a 20 dollar bill, and put the change in my pocket. As I was returning to my vehicle, I noticed a man sitting on the ground in front of his tire... shaking his head, muttering, “This sucks...”

I asked him if he was alright, as I was getting in my car. He replied, “Bad things always happens to you when you least expect it.”

He began to tell me a lengthy sob story of all the bad things happening in his life. Trying not to be rude, I got out of my car and knelt beside him. I wasn’t really listening to him, just noticing his manner and attitude. He really needed help, but I’m hesitant to aid strangers due to past

experiences with con-scams.

His brakes were locked up, his plates were from out of state, he looked exhausted, and he was all alone.

After about a five minute sale of sympathy, I stopped him by saying, “What exactly do you need?”

He said, “Sir, I need 22 dollars to pay for the brake pad. The man at the auto parts store, across the street, won’t take a check... and I only have \$10 to my name. I can change the pad myself. Please sir, I just need \$22”.

Without batting an eye, I reached into my pocket and pulled out the change I had received from inside. I opened the wadded up bills, and counted it. “I’ve got \$13 here... take it.”

When he saw me handing over the money, the look on his face was as if I was giving him my soul... as if he was so embarrassed, but so desperate to receive it. He thanked me repeatedly, asked for my number to pay me back... but I declined, saying “Pay it forward, to someone else.” I got in my car, and didn’t look back.

Call me an idiot, or call me a saint... but it really doesn’t matter if he was genuine or not. It is always better to be kind, rather than rude. If someone asks for help, and you... yourself, aren’t in trouble... Then the right thing to do is help. I guess you could refer to it as charity... or a complete waste of time. But, it made me feel better that I helped him. Because if I hadn’t, I would still regret not doing it.

## Sassafras Ridge Baptist Church

1186 State Route 653 • Hickman, KY

### Come Worship with Us

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

## BINGO and Soup Fundraiser

Saturday, March 29 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Cayce United Methodist Church

195 State Route 94 W • Fulton, Ky. (in the Cayce, Ky. community)

Bingo Prizes donated by area businesses

7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	42	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

Minimum Donation  
**\$20.00 per Bingo player**

Proceeds go to  
**Relay for Life**



**FOUR YEAR DEAN’S LIST RECIPIENT** - Lacy Roberson was invited to the President’s/Dean’s List Banquet at Lindsey Wilson College on Thursday, March 20. This is her fourth year to be invited. She is pictured with Bettie Starr, Vice President for Academic Affairs who presented Lacy with her certificate. Lacy will graduate on Saturday, May 10, with a Bachelor’s degree in Middle Grades Education with an emphasis in math and English.

## painting

# Tony Wallace

**731-442-0883**

*Experienced painter  
for over 30 years*







Arrests

from page 1

on the rear passenger seat; the subject was arrested. A second passenger in the vehicle was arrested on (2) outstanding Fulton County District Court (FCDC) warrants.

The following individuals were arrested:

- Karl M. Allen of South Fulton, Tenn. was charged with possession of marijuana, failure to surrender a suspended/revoked operator's license, and an outstanding FCDC warrant for failure to comply.
- Donald E Nettles, of Hickman, Ky., was charged with (2) outstanding FCDC warrants for failure to appear for various charges.

The bag of marijuana found on Allen weighed 2.3 oz or 651 grams.

Both subjects were transported to the Fulton County Detention Center in Hickman, Ky.

The FCSO was assisted at the scene by the Hickman Police Department.



Marijuana

The FCSO would like remind everyone that all persons are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Sheriff Hopper encourages anyone with any information pertaining to any criminal activity to please contact his office at 270-236-2545, the FCSO FB inbox account, or at sheriff@fultoncountysheriff.net All tips will remain completely confidential.

Bluff Briefs

Relay for Life Brunch/Bingo

The Cayce Cancer Crew will hold a Relay for Life fundraiser on Saturday, March 29, at Cayce Methodist Church. They will be having a Brunch/Bingo, which will consist of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink, plus at least 20 games of Bingo for a minimum donation of \$20. Lunch will start at 11 a.m. and Bingo will begin at 12 noon and last until all prizes are gone. Individuals and local businesses have donated prizes. 100% of the proceeds will go to Relay for Life to help fight CANCER. Everyone is urged to come and participate.

Poplar Grove to host mission team Sunday

Darrell and Carrie Powell and several members of the mission team, who took to Puerto Rico in January, will be at Poplar Grove Baptist Church (on Highway 125) this Sunday, March 30, to lead the 11:00 worship service. A catered meal will follow at noon. Visitors are welcome; Bible study led by Paul Henderson begins at 10, and the church is pleased to enjoy "company" for any service or activity, according to Pastor Charles Blair.

Benefit for Laken and Lainey Chism

An Invitational B-Ball Tourney will be held Saturday, April 12, at Lake Co. High School for Laken and Lainey Chism. Team name/color, team captain's name and phone number and number of players. Deadline to turn in forms will be April 8. Adult team \$100 per team, grades 12 and under \$35 per team. Teams are 10 persons or less, with double elimination and TSSAA refs and rules. Admission I is Adults \$3, kids 10 and under \$1, not in school free. Concessions, bake sale, face painting and a blow-up bouncy house will also be available. For more information contact Sarah Wallace at 731-446-1238 or 731-253-6666.

Fulton Co. Senior Citizens Spaghetti Supper in Fulton

The Fulton County Senior Citizens will be having their annual spaghetti supper on Thursday, April 3, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Senior Center, located at 109 Commercial Avenue in Fulton. Tickets are \$6.00. Takeouts will be available, delivery available to homebound individuals. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink. Call 270-472-2900 for more information or to purchase tickets. The community has been wonderful in supporting this event in the past and The Senior Citizens look forward to preparing your supper.

Hickman Police Department News

Thursday, March 20:

- Responded to a call at the school.
  - HVFD responded to a field and tractor fire on State Route 925.
  - Responded to a call at the police department.
  - Traffic stop on Moscow Ave. – Derrick Massey cited for speeding
  - Responded to a call at Hickman Manor Apts.
  - Traffic stop on Holly St.
  - Traffic stop on Union City Hwy. – Ricky Nicholson arrested for driving on suspended or revoked operator's license.
  - Responded to a call at Little General.
  - Traffic stop on Ivey St.
  - Traffic stop on Clay St.
  - Friday, March 21:
  - Assisted FCSO on Nelson St.
  - Traffic stop on Atwood St. – Marcus Smith arrested for driving on DUI suspended.
  - Responded to a loud music complaint on Cedar St.
  - Roger Henson arrested on a warrant for failure to pay child support.
  - Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.
  - Responded to a call on 6th St.
  - Saturday, March 22:
  - Responded to a call on Bernal Ave.
  - Responded to a call at the police department.
  - Responded to a possible reckless driver on Holly St.
  - Responded to a noise complaint on Cedar St.
  - Responded to a motor vehicle accident on 7th St. – Michael Stowe arrested for criminal mischief, leaving the scene, driver under the influence, and reckless driving.
  - Traffic stop on Broadway St.
  - Responded to a disturbance on 7th St.
- Wednesday, March 19:
- Responded to a call at the school.
  - Responded to a loud noise complaint on Moscow Ave.

Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

- The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Friday, March 14 through Monday, March 24:
- Friday, March 14:
- Tim Blasdel of Hickman, Ky., white male, arrested, assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury.
  - Hsueh P. Day of Martin, Tenn., Asian female, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.
  - Robert M. Wilder, Jr. of Oxford, Miss., white male, citation, speeding 86/70 mph zone.
  - Benjamin S. Wyland of South Fulton, Tenn., white male, citation, failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st offense; one headlight; and failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation.
- Monday, March 17:
- Ashley Ross of South Fulton, white female, arrested, fleeing and evading police 1st degree (vehicle).
  - Brian Smith of South Fulton, white male, arrested, bench warrant failure to appear, and theft by deception two counts.
- Tuesday, March 18:
- Joshua A. Holm of Fulton, Ky., white male, arrested, probation violation.
- Thursday, March 20:
- Danny L. Allen of Martin, Tenn., white male, arrested, fugitive from justice (Tipton County, Tenn.).
  - Sharon L. Worrell of Hickman, white female, citation, failure to or improper signal, failure of owner to maintain required insurance 2nd offense.
  - Michael D. Craddock II of Hickman, white male, arrested, bench warrant failure to pay 2 counts, Grand Jury Indictment RSP firearms (7 counts); bench warrant failure to appear.
- Friday, March 21:
- Danny L. Allen of Martin, white male, arrested, fugitive from justice (Carroll County, Tenn.).
  - Michael D. Craddock II of Hickman, white male, arrested, parole violation warrant.

See SHERIFF, page 7

Parnell and Powell look to hold office of Jailer

Incumbent candidate for Fulton County Jailer Ricky Parnell, 56 and a 1976 graduate of Fulton County High School, has been serving the county for almost a decade and is the longest currently serving Jailer.

Adam Powell, who resides in Hickman, is seeking to unseat the long-term Jailer.

Currently Parnell is a senior board member for the Kentucky Jailers' Association and has positions as President, Past President, and Vice President.

"I have served as Jailer for 24-1/2 years and the jail has been self-supporting for 22 of those years," noted Parnell. "I have a great working relationship with the current Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Corrections."

One issue noted by Parnell facing Fulton County residents is unemployment. "The unemployment rate is still too high," he said. "We still need to combine more services between the two cities (Hickman and Fulton) and county as we have this past year in combining the dispatch services."

Keeping the jail self-supporting is another issue that Parnell has on his mind. "Keep the jail self supportive so the county can better use their funds for the progress of Fulton County," is important to Parnell.

Parnell would also like to continue to help the cities and county combine services so they can all perform more efficiently.

"My strengths are that when I



Ricky Parnell

took over as Jailer I was able to look ahead and see what it took to make the jail run efficiently and without it being a burden on the county taxpayers," Parnell noted. "Also I have very valuable contacts, including a great working relationship with the current Commissioner of Corrections and my fellow jailers throughout the state."

Serving the county as Jailer for almost 25 years, Parnell feels that he has overcome his weaknesses by working with and listening to other jailers and by working closely with Corrections.

Parnell and Powell are both seeking the votes of Fulton Countians in the upcoming May 20 Democratic Primary.

Christopher Garrigus, the Republican candidate for Jailer will face one of them in the November election.

Uzzle seeks Constable position

James Phillip Uzzle, Jr. is one of the three candidates running for Constable in District Four. Born in Monticello, Ky., Uzzle, 48, has lived in Fulton County for 32 years. Uzzle, a graduate of the Class of 1983, is married to Lawana Parker Uzzle. They have two sons, their oldest is Tyler Glen and James Carson is their youngest.

"I am currently employed at the Northwest Correction Complex in Tiptonville, Tenn.," stated Uzzle. "I have been employed for 16 years."

One of Uzzle's qualifications for seeking the office of Constable is his approximately 25 years associated with law enforcement agencies. "Besides working at the Correction facility, I have been a City of Hickman police officer and I am certified in the Kentucky State Police Academy," stated Uzzle.

The most pressing issue facing Fulton County, in Uzzle's opinion, is the lack of funds that are provided to the police and sheriff's departments to hire more officers that are needed.

"I feel that my experience and background training may provide so much needed help for these departments," he said. "I would like to see the community come together and become that booming town this little river town used to be."

To be a county official Uzzle feels it takes a member of the

community who is honest reliable, dedicated and a loyal person to commit time and effort into making our community a safer and better place to live."

Uzzle feels his only drawback is that he is a family man. "I do have a family," he said, "but if and when I am needed I will gladly be there."

Uzzle has been friends with fellow candidate Mark Mayo for years and he shares a special bond with Steve Loftin as combat veterans. "Both men are fine pillars of the community," commented Uzzle. "I wish them both the best of the luck."

The Democratic Primary will be held on Tuesday, May 20.

Talent

from page 1

for complete details and to submit your entry. As a promotion for the event all entries made by paper deadline 12 noon on April 14 will be listed in the paper the week of the show.

The Grand Prize is two adult (age 13 and up) and three children (age 4-12) annual memberships to the new Discovery Park of America in Union City, Tenn.

Admission to the show is \$5 for school age and over. Concessions will be open and various desserts for your Easter lunch will also be available for purchase.

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

AT 404 HILLCREST LANE, HICKMAN, KY OF HOUSE AND LOT  
404 HILLCREST LANE, HICKMAN, KY



This is a three bedroom home with public water and sewer. It is located in a residential neighborhood. It has 914 square feet and consists of a living room, kitchen, three bedrooms, and one bathroom, plus a single car carport. This property is considered unsuitable for the Rural Development Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

An open house will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$12,731.00.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Mayfield, KY Rural Development Office within 30 days.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at 404 Hillcrest Lane, Hickman, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$46,941.43 principal, plus interest in the amount of \$4,379.06 as of 11/20/2012, escrow of \$361.94, late charges of \$46.69, and fees of \$2,083.75, for a total unpaid balance of \$53,812.87, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$6.7076 from 11/20/2012, until the date of Judgment, plus interest on the Judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of Judgment) at the rate of 0.13 %, computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 5:13CV-5-R on the Paducah Circuit of the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, entered on 09/20/2013, in the case of United States of America vs. James Ray Stafield, et al, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

Being situated in the Hillcrest Subdivision of the City of Hickman and being more particularly described as follows: Lot No. 1 in the Hillcrest Subdivision of the City of Hickman, a plat of which Subdivision is of record in Deed Book 108, Page 1, Fulton County Clerk's Office. Being the same real estate conveyed to James Ray Stanfield and wife, Lorrie Ann Stanfield by deed from Jackie Crawl, a single person and Ester Crawl, a single person, dated September 9, 2009, and of record in Deed Book 178, Page 123, in the Fulton County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U.S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 0.13 % per annum until paid, due and payable in 45 days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the Proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant James Ray Stanfield, et. al. and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain in a lien in favor of the defendant James Ray Stanfield, et. al. reflecting the right of the defendant James Ray Stanfield, et. al. to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquiries should be directed to:  
Jerry M. Cloyd, Area Director,  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AREA OFFICE  
Mayfield, Kentucky  
Telephone: (270) 247- 9525, Extension 4

Atwill

from page 1

serve were: supervisor at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Plant, grant writer and administrator of grants, City Manager of Hickman, employment as Building/Grounds Manager & Transportation Director for Fulton County School System, Kentucky Department of Transportation Worker & Superintendent of Highways, State and Fulton County Emergency Management employment. Skills acquired during these tenures include: leadership, personnel management, budgeting, road maintenance to include

completion of the Road Scholar Maintenance Program through the state of Kentucky, and management of public works. The jobs of Emergency Management Director and Kentucky Transportation enabled me to learn more about our county to include roads, demographics, needs and resources.

Service in the Kentucky Army National Guard (KYANG) for a total of thirty (+30) plus years also taught me many things needed to serve as Fulton County Judge/Executive. One is the ability to deal with many people on various levels at one time. I learned how to be patient and listen to people's complaints and/or complements. The KYANG also taught me the ability to deal with all situations in a fair/equitable way. This has carried over to my personal and professional life.

To this day, I proudly serve as a volunteer with Fulton County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on February 7, 2014, scheduling a hearing to be held on April 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examining witnesses in Case No. 2013-00446, which is An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013.

Kentucky Utilities Company  
220 West Main Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

UNITED MONUMENT WORKS

Monuments  
Markers  
Mausoleums  
Bronze  
Pet Markers

'EXCELLENCE IS OUR STANDARD'

Hickman-Fulton representative  
**Paul Henderson**  
270-236-3608  
or 731-536-6035  
email: umtwns@att.net  
1412 N. Hwy. 45W  
2-1/2 Miles from Union City  
VISA • MASTERCARD  
Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. by appt.





**LADY PILOTS 2014 SOFTBALL TEAM** - Members of the Fulton County Lady Pilots softball team for 2014 include (front row, l to r) Head Coach Perry Jenkins, Julia Cox, Carlee Stafford, Shelby Morris, Darcy Patrick, Courtney Parris, Katie Gray, and Alexis Tacker; and (back row, l to r) Assistant Coach Roger Mathis, Jessica Mathis, Alexis Dickson, Johnna Edgin, AnnaGregory Grissom, Linsey Grissom, Angelika Zombeck, Assistant Coach Denise Grissom and Assistant Coach Ronnie Barr.



**PILOTS 2014 BASEBALL TEAM** - Members of the Fulton County Pilots baseball team for 2014 include (front row, l to r) Cameron Jones, Madison Uzzle, Thomas Price, Hunter Mitchum, Edward Readenour, Matthew Bodon, Conner Jackson, and Jarrett West; and (back row, l to r) Heach Coach Joe Greer, Cameron Matheny, Dylan Eakes, Taylor Sipes, Ryne Choate, Will Thompson, Devontae Hampton, Assistant Coach Zack Greer, and Assistant Coach Charles Choate.

# Comets hold off Pilots' rally for win

The Fulton County Pilots baseball team may be ready to turn the corner after a hard fought district battle against Carlisle County.

The Pilots fell behind 11-0 in the fifth inning of their game at Coffey Field, but mounted a strong offensive comeback late, that ended just short in an 11-8 loss.

Still searching for the right position players, and batting line-up, the Pilots may have ended some of those questions with the never-say-die effort.

The week began with a rough start, as Obion County Central held the Pilots to a single base hit enroute to a shutout win at Troy.

**Obion County Central 11 Fulton County 0 (at Troy)**  
The Rebels struck for four runs in the first inning, three of those coming with two outs, enroute to their shutout win at home.

Obion County pitcher Camden Napper shut down the Pilot offense in the game, allowing only one hit, and a total of three base runners.

Fulton County's Ryne Choate accounted for the Pilots only base hit, that coming in the second inning with two outs and none on base.

Taylor Sipes led off the third inning with a walk, while Cameron Matheny reached base when hit by a pitch in the fifth inning.

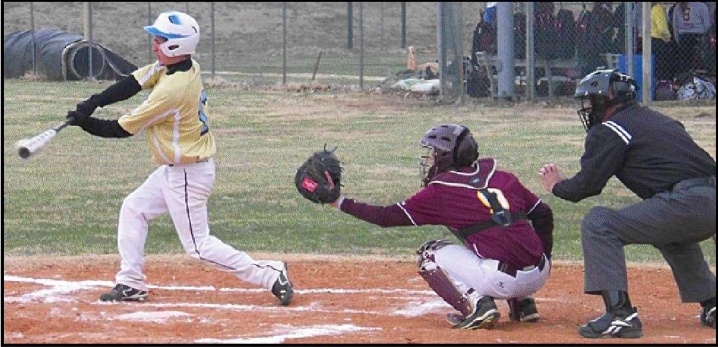
Napper struck out nine Pilots in the win, with Fulton County falling to (0-4) on the season.

**Carlisle County 11 Fulton County 8 (at Hickman)**

A fierce rally by the Pilots



Photos by Charles Choate



came up short, in the district game played in Hickman.

The damaging blow for the Pilots came with Carlisle County scoring a total of six runs with two outs, over four of the game's seven innings.

The Pilots posted their 11 runs on eight hits and four errors, all by the fifth inning.

The Pilots were not going to go down without a fight, and began an offensive rally, with Matthew Bodon, Dylan Eakes and Ryne Choate scoring in the fifth inning to cut the score to 11-3.

In the sixth inning, Bodon,

Will Thompson and Taylor Sipes crossed the plate to cut into the lead 11-6.

With the Pilots holding the Comets scoreless in the sixth and seventh innings, the stage was set for a final effort to tie the game in the seventh.

Jarrett West and Sipes scored to make the score 11-8, but a two out catch on an outfield fly ball by Choate ended the game for Fulton County.

Following the game, Coach Joe Greer said he was proud of the effort of the team in the late innings.

**BASE RUNNER** - (top) The Pilots Taylor Sipes (l) gets his lead from first base, as Carlisle County's Matthew West holds him close. Sipes scored two runs in the home district game, but the Comets took the win 11-8. **BASE KNOCK** - (At left) Fulton County outfielder Thomas Price gets a base hit in his first trip to the plate, in the Pilots district game against Carlisle County. Price had the first hit of the night for the Pilots, and made two outfield assists.

"We came back and almost beat them, after not getting timely hits in the first innings of the game. We made some early errors, and they cost us some runs. But, our hitting came around and our outfielders did an outstanding job with some big catches. I think we are on the road to being a better team," commented Greer.

For the Pilots on the night, Bodon was 2-for-2, with two runs scored, followed by Sipes 1-2 with two runs scored, Uzzle 1-for 4, Price 1-for-4.

# Campaign sign is damaged

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**  
With the Democratic Primary Election less than eight weeks away, campaign signs are showing up along roadways and on private property. On Monday, March 24 Fulton County Sheriff Bobby Hopper received a report of a campaign sign being damaged.  
"It looks like the individual used a box cutter to cut up a sign located on Hwy 94," stated Sheriff Hopper. "If we catch someone doing it, they are going to jail."  
Damaging private property could be considered Criminal Mischief and is punishable by law.  
A person is guilty of Criminal Mischief in the third degree when he intentionally or wantonly defaces, destroys or damages any property; or tampers with property so knowingly to endanger the person or property of another.  
Criminal Mischief in the third degree is a Class B misdemeanor and according to Sheriff Hopper, a person could face up to a year in jail.  
Kentucky law prohibits the placement of political or other advertising signs on state rights of way, including signs attached to utility poles or fences within the area.



**THE DELIVERY** - Carlee Stafford delivers a pitch from the mound with third baseman Darcy Patrick for the Lady Pilots ready to play defense. Lady Comet Brittany Morris gets ready to take off from third base. After the first inning the game was tied 1-1. The Lady Pilots gave up some hits and the Lady Comets won the game 1-16.



Photos by Charlotte Smith

**CLOSE PLAY AT THIRD** - Lady Pilot Darcy Patrick tried to reach third base before Lady Comet Heaven Hopper while AnnaGregory Grissom is in the background backing up the play. The two teams faced off in Hickman on Monday, March 24 with the Lady Comets earning the district win 1-16.

**HAVE A GREAT SEASON**  
**TAYLOR SIPES**  
LOVE, DAD, MOM AND SIBLINGS

**BEST WISHES**  
**CAMERON JONES**  
LOVE, MOM AND DAD

**BEST WISHES**  
**CONNOR JACKSON**  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Colby, Cayce, Heath, Jackson

**Best Wishes!**  
For a Successful Season  
**RYNE CHOATE**  
Love, Mom and Dad

**PLAY YOUR BEST PILOTS**  
Assistant Coach Charles Choate

**Best Wishes!**  
AND MAY YOU HAVE A GREAT SEASON  
**DARCY PATRICK**  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

**Best Wishes!**  
**CARLEE STAFFORD**  
FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

**Best Wishes!**  
FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR  
**ANNAGREGORY GRISSOM**  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Greyson

**CASTLEMAN TIRE & REPAIR, INC.**  
"Serving The Area Since 1956"  
1880 State Rt. 121 So.  
Mayfield • 247-5866  
Monday - Friday • 7:00 AM 5:00 PM

**TIRES**

**Firestone TOYOTIRES®**

**GOODYEAR KUMHO TIRES**

**MICHELIN YOKOHAMA**

**GREAT SERVICE**

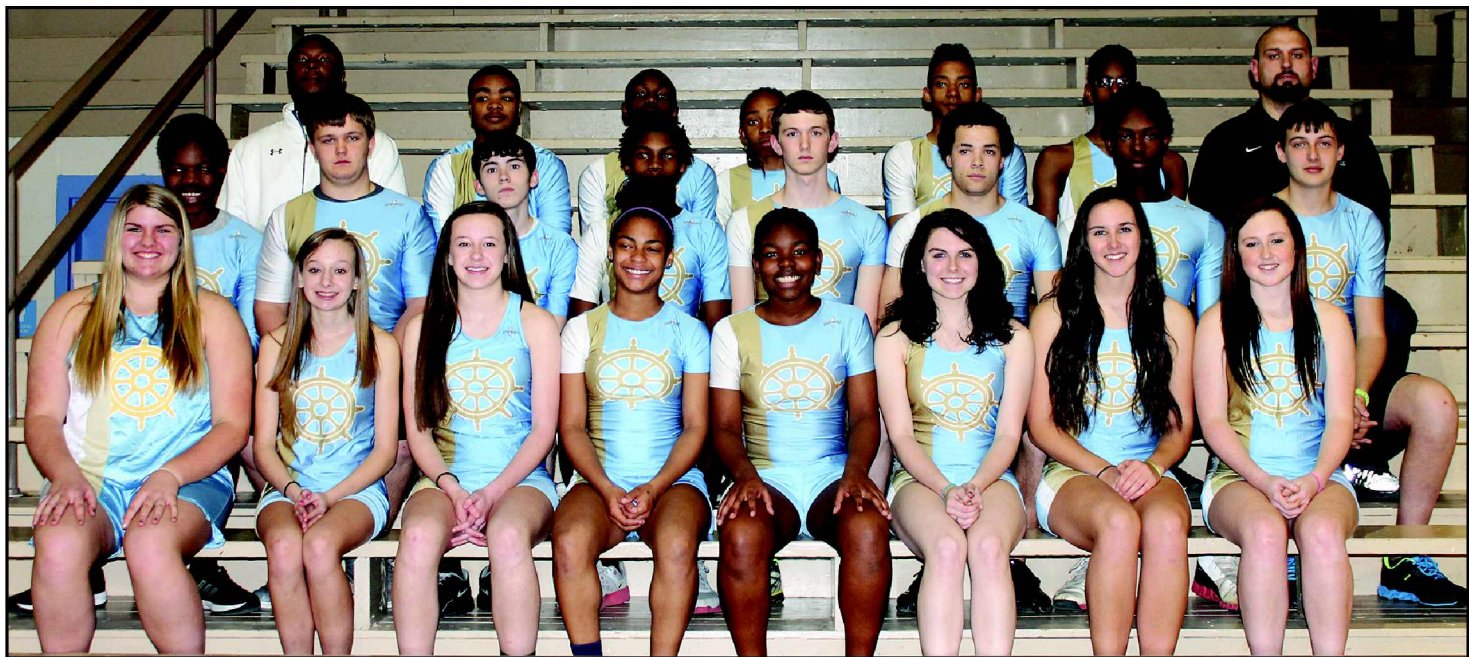
• Alignment • Brakes • Oil Change





**FULTON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK TEAM 2014** - Members of the Fulton County Middle School track team for the 2014 season include (front row, l to r) Orlundrea Holloway, Savanna Roberts, Zaria Ervin, Detyja Giles, and Kanisha Wooten; (middle row, l to r) Nataveon Giles, A J Turner, Noah Miller, and Daniel Tacker; and (back row, l to r) Coach Deatrik Kinney, Rictaveon Polk, Houston Massey, C J Smith, Nataven Bransford, Dre Smith, and Coach James Bridges.

Photo by Barbara Atwill



**FULTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM 2014** - Members of the Fulton County High School track team for the 2014 season include (front row, l to r) Leah Weatherly, Halley Stewart, Leslie Beth Jackson, Kyla Williams, LeDajia Smith, Samantha Ward, Amy Langford, and Megan Vowell; and (middle row, l to r) Akilias Abbott, Beau Simmons, Dylan Williams, Dre Smith, Joe Holman, Quinn Nolan, Aaron King, and Aaron Ellegood; and (back row, l to r) Coach Deatrik Kinney, Brendan Wilson, Evann Dismuke, Sean Murphy, Steven Roberson, Nataven Bransford, and Coach James Bridges.

Photo by Barbara Atwill

# FCE/MS releases third nine weeks honor roll names

Fulton County Elementary/Middle School has released the honor roll for the third nine weeks as follows:

### Third Grade

**All As:** Braden Costello, Calix Coulson, Curtis Holmes, Luke Jackson, Tristin Morris, Omarion Pierce, Amyia Sanders, and Damon Schmidt.

**All As and Bs:** Wesley Brown, Austin Burnes, Azariah Busby, Abigail Chilson, Ezekiel Corrigan, Ky'aira Couch, Rhiannon Eakes, Ian Goodman, Destiny Gordon, Hannah Hicks, Tyavious Isbell, D.J. Johnson, JShon Jones, Jason Mathews, Ulysses Odoms, Carson Parker, Nesota Thomas, Reagan Warlick, RuMarriez Westbrook and Kaylee Young.

### Fourth Grade

**All As:** Yaquelin Barrientos, Bradley Burkeen, Reagan Ellingburg, Chade Everett, Taylor Everett, Cheyenne Hitesman, Maddie Morrison, Jakabrian Stray, and Carly Worley.

**All As and Bs:** Myles Amberg, Cheyenna Beavers, DiAvian Bradley, Jakyla Crumble, Conner Gascoigne, Chrishawn Gordon, Terrance Johnson, De'Ayria Kinney, Christopher Joe Morgan, Amanda Newton, Breanna Riffe, Virginia Varden, and Jequan Warren.

### Fifth Grade

**All As:** Mia Amberg, Sidda Brown, Ashtyn Brown,

Joshua Cole, Caleb Collins, Callie Coulson, Hailee Edgin, Blake Edwards, Caleb Fields, Cabreisha Jackson, Tyler Love, Ian Lucy, Hayden Murphy, Derek Russom, Karlie Smith, Tanner Williams, and Hunter Woods.

**All As and Bs:** Broc Bridges, Selena Caballero, Brooklyn Chambers, JaMya Clay, Yolanda Cortez, K.J. Couch, Amire Hobbs, Will Jackson, Logan Johnson, Gracie Lambert, Thorne Massey, JaMya Pierce, Camron Price, Remington Stewart, Julian Whitten, and Destiny Wiley.

### Sixth Grade

**All As:** Madison Halstead, Ashanta Johnson, Brooklyn Major, and Marlena Sipes.

**All As and Bs:** Collin Baggett, Abigail Bittenbender, Kyle Bridges, Retiazsha Chambers, Jakiron Crumble, Grace Elder, Cayce Jones, Alexis Martin, Aurora Piercefield, Cailey Prehoda, Taivion Sanders, Dragan Schmidt, Nikia Smith, James Travers, and Brigitte Watts.

### Seventh Grade

**All As:** Sally Bing, Delayne Cermak, Jelynda Elliott, and Noah Miller.

**All As and Bs:** William Adams, Giselle Barrientos, Jacob Mathis, Jake Mayo, Katherine Stout, Karlie Williams, and Kanisha Wooten.

### Eighth Grade

**All As:** Jenna Elliott, Daisy Major, Jada Mathews, Summer Mayo, and Lindy Sipes.

**All As and Bs:** Alana Coffey, Dylan Davis, Samantha McClure, Caroline Morrison, Josie Prehoda, Precious Thomas, Bradley Webb, Lily Wheeler, Brandon Willis, and Olivia Wilson.

## Sheriff

from page 5

- Karl Allen of South Fulton, black male, arrested, failure to surrender revoked operator's license, possession of marijuana.
- Karl Allen of South Fulton, black male, arrested, failure to comply.
- Donald E. Nettles of Hickman, black male, arrested, failure to appear (2) counts.
- Shareka L. Cheirs of

Hickman, black female, arrested, theft by deception – including cold checks under \$500.

• Shareka L. Cheirs of Hickman, black female, summons, theft by deception – including cold checks under \$500.

Monday, March 24:

• Roderick T. Polk of Union City, Tenn., black male, arrested, bench warrant failure to appear.



**CORRESPONDING WITH THE PRESIDENT** - Fulton County preschool students in Tracey Ellegood and Bridget Atwill's class sent a letter to President Barack Obama. President Obama (above) responded with a letter (at right) that was sent to the students. This isn't the first time that Ellegood and Atwill's preschool students have received a letter from a president. President George W. Bush sent a letter to the preschool students back on May 22, 2008.

**WRITING A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT** - The preschool students in Tracey Ellegood and Bridget Atwill's class have been corresponding with President Barack Obama. The students are (l to r) front row: Presley Eakes, DK Kinney, Kylee McClure, Braylan Hendrix, Brylea Baggott, and Maddox Amberg; middle row, Zyian Frame, A'Mijah Freeman, Colin Goodson, Alaina Sheppard, Kylie Hurt, Aver Johnson, and Jhakia Smith; and back row, Christje'ane Gordon, Jaklynn Perez, Taleal Crumble, Aaliyah Morgan, and Brayden Eakes.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 5, 2014

Dear Students:

Thank you for writing. Hearing from young people like you inspires me each and every day, and I am glad you took the time to share your thoughts.

As a Nation, we have no higher priority than making sure the doors of opportunity are wide open for you and your generation. And as your President, that is a promise I will never stop working to keep.

In the years ahead, always remember that nothing is beyond your reach as long as you are willing to dream big and work hard. If you stay focused on your education, I know there are no limits to what you can achieve.

Thank you, again, for your kind note. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,



## Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

Kentucky and Wichita State "... is like a heavyweight title fight," a television analyst marveled.

Stylish too. Spiced by UK's 54 per cent shooting, exquisite decision-making and, for Big Blue Nation, the answer to a question being asked back home last Sunday.

A Wildcats' fan, who knew what analyst Seth Greenburg meant when said three weeks ago, Kentucky, "... is painful to watch."

Last Sunday the same fan turned to a friend and said, "Who ARE those guys?"

Kentucky's game with Wichita State was good as basketball gets. Skilled, suspense, high stakes, quality and staying-power with a banked-in-3-pointer or two. A show to rival the Duke-Kentucky in Philadelphia in 1992 with different outcome.

Wichita State, unbeaten, No. 1 seed and favored by three, was stunningly a *team*. Well coached, fundamentally sound, the right pass, right angles, cut and move, move, move!

The Wildcats were stunning too.

"Who ARE those guys?"

In a broader sense, I think we witnessed that point in life when a parent sees The Miracle: One morning your teenager got out of bed, came to breakfast on time and dressed for the day and said cheerily, "good morning! Can I get anyone an orange juice?"

In that instant he/she, *got it?*

Got what? This: This isn't about me. This isn't about a pro draft spot either (in this case). And this: All the parental screams, rant and rave that created rolling eyes and blank-stares didn't help, but only delayed The Miracle.

Kid wakes up one morning and *gets it*.

So, on a gorgeous Sunday in March, the question *Who are those guys?* Got an answer.

**NEXT, THESE THINGS**

Broken rackets discarded, here comes a Sweet 16 with quality to reset schedules for

Thursday-through-Sunday and send teevee ratings to the moon.

Delicious.

Mean time, let us reflect and/or look forward to these things ...

1. No. 4 seed Louisville versus No. 8 seed Kentucky. "Seeds don't matter," CBS analyst Clark Kellogg said rightly, "match-ups do."

2. One oddsmaker makes Louisville 6-1 to win the tournament; Kentucky 10-1. Let the love begin.

3. A Las Vegas odds-maker picks Kentucky to win by four. Let the love begin.

4. Bleacher Report experts pick Kentucky to beat Louisville 74-71.

5. Questions before this Friday night match:

✓ Can manic Rick Pitino control, but keep effective unpredictable Russ Smith?

✓ Can Kentucky duplicate its Wichita State team performance?

6. Favorites to win the NCAA Tournament: Florida 3-1, Michigan State 4-1.

7. Regional semi-final games: Rick Pitino teams are 16-0. These Cardinals have been here before and won 14 of their last 15, eight in a row in the NCAA tournament.

8. Midwest Region at Indianapolis, UK blue and UofL red will come to town in droves for Friday's nightcap, but the under card: Tennessee and Michigan, is promising too.

9. Kentucky and Louisville in Indy brings to mind UofL-UK Dream Game in Knoxville, (can it be?) 31 years ago. 1983.

10. Enjoy Billy Donovan's Top seed Gators another week. Florida has longest win streak left in NCAAs, 28.

11. Kansas is out, North Carolina too. Kentucky can add to its most all-time wins list lead.

12. Duke haters can leave it for next year while Mike Krzyzewski takes a rest before coaching Team USA to another gold at the Olympics.

13. College basketball's three premier coaches are still at work: Billy Donovan, Rick Pitino and Tom Izzo.

14. More Charles "what's in your wallet?" Barkley commercials, and straight talk.

15. Sweet 16 bracket. You've done the re-set, right?

16. SEC with all three entrants still playing.

17. Tennessee? Who knew a play-in would be a way to the Sweet 16?

18. Coaches carousel is spinning very well. Hear the music? Job jumper coaches do.

19. Roy Williams. Time out at the end disallowed, no white at the Tar Heels odd end against Iowa State. Williams congratulated his opponent and walked away and said later "we made a mistake."

20. Wichita State. Against any opponent any other day, Shockers would have done to an opponent what Baylor did to Creighton.

21. Naismith Player of the Year. Finalists are Doug McDermott (Creighton), Jabari Parker (Duke), Russ Smith (Louisville) and Nick Johnson (Arizona).

22. Recruiting horizon: Scott County guard Trent Gilbert is special and ought be kept at home. A shootist with heart of a lion and savvy for the game to more than offset not having McDonalds all-star in front of his name. Gilbert should also be on a Derby Classic roster.

23. Covington Catholic is Kentucky's 97th boys state champion 2014, beating Scott County in overtime Sunday. The Colonels were the fourth choice to win the state title, according to the ever archaic Litratings.

24. Future: As we move focus to next season: Western Kentucky University fans can boast their Hilltoppers corralled Mr. Football Nacarius Fant, Bowling Green and Miss Basketball, Ivy Brown from LaRue County.

### WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

"We're gonna shock the world," Willie Cauley-Stein declared before the Kansas State game. "A lot of people think that we're not going to make it past the first round. So, yeah, winning the first game would shock the world."

**Comment:** Right idea, wrong game.

### PARTING SHOT

We have been given a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have any of us used one to say *thank you?* — William Arthur Ward

And so it goes.

**NO BURNING**  
between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A logo for "Athlete of the Week" featuring a torch and the text "ATHLETE OF THE WEEK".

**Athletes of the Week** - The Fulton County Booster Club has announced that Carlee Stafford, left, and Connor Jackson, right, are the Pilot "Athletes of the Week". Stafford is a Senior and a member of the girls volleyball and softball teams. Jackson is a Freshman and a member of the baseball team. (Photo by Barbara Atwill)

A photo of two young athletes, Carlee Stafford and Connor Jackson, standing together.

A banner with the word "Congratulations" in a stylized font.



# Spring time building in and around Hickman



Photo by Christina Corrigan

**FRESH NEW START** – At the old West Hickman Baptist Church (WHBC) site, which burned in January 2013, a metal structure consisting of a new activities building were delivered on Friday, March 21. James Bridges (left), Roger Adams (center) and Chad Everett (right) were assisted by a forklift operator as they unloaded the materials. The new site for WHBC is located on the 1099 By-Pass. Construction will begin soon.



Photos by Charlotte Smith



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECIPIENT** - Hickman Rotarian Terr Narr (left) received the Paul Harris Fellow award on Thursday, March 20, from his fellow Rotarians. Narr's wife, Jackie (right), was on hand to witness the presentation.

## Narr

from page 1

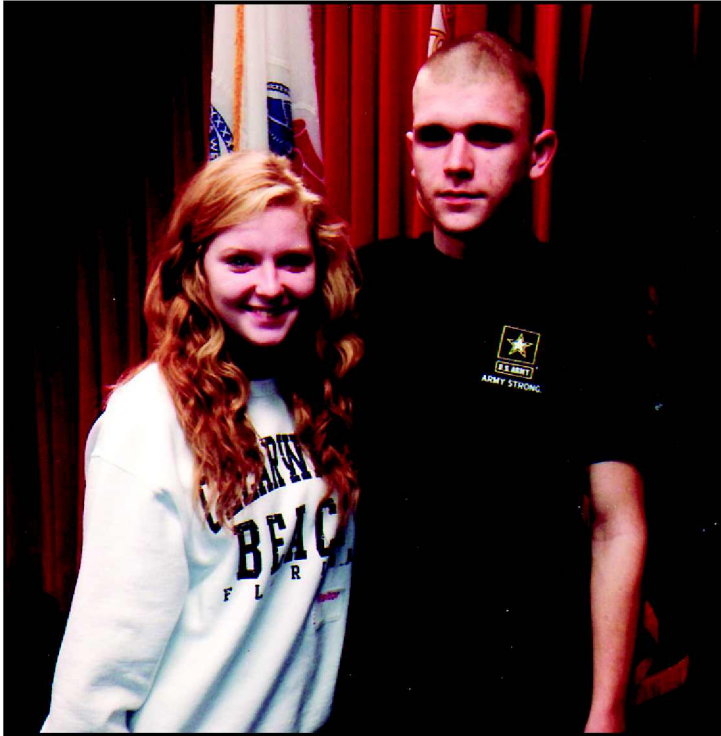
presentation. Narr's wife Jackie was a special guest of the club last Thursday when Rotarian Pete Morgan, on behalf of the board and officers of the Hickman Rotary Club, presented Narr with a certificate and lapel pin. "The certificate states that you have been named a Paul Harris Fellow," stated Morgan. "We urge you to wear this pin to all Rotary events as a symbol of your appreciation for and support of the programs of The Rotary Foundation. "Your hard work and dedication to this club and Rotary are recognized by your fellow Rotarian Floyd and others in the club as you receive this honor," said Morgan. "We recognize your work for Rotary as shown in your willingness to serve as president of our club, where you organized our first annual Hickman Rotary Golf Tournament to raise funds for local college scholarships. "Also," Morgan said, "we recognize your work in our annual Football Foundation challenge where money is raised to go toward The Rotary

Foundation and your work on the annual 5K Race. Terry, your dedication to Rotary and its goals do not go unnoticed by your fellow Rotarians." The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago, Ill., in 1905. The fellowship was established in Harris' honor in 1957 to acknowledge contribution of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation of building understanding and peace. The life-saving and life-enhancing activities of the Rotary organization are funded, implemented, and managed by Rotarians around the globe. And last week another step was taken to a more peaceful world with Narr's recognition as Hickman's newest Paul Harris Fellow inductee.



**ROTARY MID-SOUTH PETS TRAINING** - Last week Hickman Rotary Club President Elect Charlotte Smith (left) attended Mid-South PETS Training in Nashville. During the three-day event Smith and other President-Elects met Gary C.K. Huang (right). Huang is the 2014-2015 Rotary International President. He takes over on July 1.

**MAKING PROGRESS** - Workers are making progress at the Jamieson Distillery located on Union City Highway. On Thursday, March 20, Billy Hollands (top, left) was cutting a piece of pipe while Jackie Hopper (top, right) welds a piece of pipe. Work was also going on outside as Steve and Kevin Ray, of Ray's Backhoe Service from Columbus, Ky., was installing a septic tank on the first day of spring.



**PROUD SISTER** - Courtney Titus (left) is proud that he brother Dylan Titus (right) has decided to join the U.S. Army.



**SWEARING IN CEREMONY** - Dylan Titus (fourth from left) participated in a March 20 swearing in ceremony, as he and several others committed to becoming soldiers in the U.S. Army.

## Dylan Titus is sworn into the U.S. Army

It is a great accomplishment for a young man when he makes the decision to commit years of his life to one of the Armed Services. Dylan Titus, the son of Shannon Titus of Hickman, will be a 2014 graduate of Waynesville High School. On Thursday, March 20 Dylan was sworn into the United States Army, making the commitment to proudly serve his country. He has carried a 3.8 grade point average throughout his senior year, while working two jobs. Dylan will be leaving in September for basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He will be going into Telecommunications. Along with Dylan's mother, his sister, Courtney Titus, currently a freshman, is supporting her brother 100%.

When not cheering her brother on, Courtney is busy maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. She is also a member of three competitive cheer squads. Her squads have earned recognition as Ohio State Grand Champions in stunting, hip hop, and ground bound. They also competed in Nationals, held in February in Florida, placing sixth over all. "I can't say how proud of Dylan we are for the great decision he has made as he goes into the adult world, serving our country," stated Shannon. "Both Dylan and Courtney have achieved some great accomplishments." Carol Poore of Hickman, Ky., Dylan and Courtney's grandmother, has been able to witness the achievements of these two young adults.

## All aboard the Little Obie train at FCE/MS

By Cailey Prehoda, Dragan Schmidt, and Jerome Warren  
Fulton County Elementary/Middle School students learned a lot about trains and train safety on March 19, when Canadian National Railroad visited the school. The CN representative, Mark A. Schmale, along with J. D. Cruce of South Fulton and other assistants, brought "Little Obie," a miniature CN train. "The train looked just like a toy train, but a lot bigger," said one student. The train had an engine and a caboose, and a large middle section that was big enough to seat an entire grade at one time. Even better, the train played music and blew bubbles instead of smoke, which delighted all, especially the younger students. Each grade was given a ride around the school parking lot.

"I went around six times," said one student. "It was exciting. The music and bubbles made it seem like a moving party." But with all the fun, Little Obie came with a serious message: "Trains are for tracks, not for kids" Mr. Schmale gave an important safety presentation, which included photographs, a video, and a lecture. He told students to look, listen, and live. Students learned that railroad tracks can be very dangerous and that the tracks and trestles also belonged to the railroad. Students were surprised to find that walking or playing on railroad tracks is considered trespassing. Mr. Schmale also made a real impression when he told the story of a teenage girl who had headphones on and didn't hear an approaching train. The train engineer honked twice, but the teenager didn't hear and consequently she died. Did you know that it takes 18 football fields to stop a moving train? That is almost one mile!

Canadian National Railroad built Little Obie in order to teach children and adults about railroad safety. Little Obie was named after Mr. Donald R. "Obie" Bryant, a former supervisor and first Safety Director of IC's Johnston Yard in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Bryant retired in 1996 after 44 years of service to the railroad and was always recognized for his love of the railroad, children, and his fellow employees. Little Obie was created by Mr. Paul Rose of Memphis, a railroad machinist who had a lot of experience repairing locomotives that had been damaged in collisions with cars or trucks. Most of these collisions occurred at railroad crossings. Little Obie visits schools, churches and special community events in order to promote his important safety message. FCE/MS students had a great time while learning an important lesson about railroad safety that could save their lives.



**TRAIN SAFETY** - Miss Monika Bodon (left) and Miss Kim Gooch's (right) Preschool Class in the Little Obie train at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School on Thursday, March 13 learning about train safety.



Photos by Barbara Atwill

**ALL ABOARD** - Miss Ella Mae Smith (left) and Mrs. Barbara McIntyre (right) are riding along with Fulton County Preschoolers in the Little Obie train learning all about train safety on Thursday, March 13.



Vote For And Elect  
**David Weatherly**  
Fulton County  
Judge/Executive  
in the May 20 Primary Election  
*Your vote and support appreciated*  
Paid for by the candidate, David Weatherly, 718 Moscow Ave., Hickman, KY 42050